



A&M LAUNDRY PUNCHES BUTTONS
Among extras provided by Texas A&M's laundry is replacing missing buttons. Mrs. Joyce Gerzik operates one of the plant's two machines that automatically sews on the fasteners.

Off-Cussed A&M Laundry Does Massive Task Well

By STEVE KORENEK
What are the most often heard grips on the A&M campus? The food? Yes.

The Corps? Yes, griped at and about by both members and non-members.

The university laundry? Yes, and the complaints it receives are just as groundless as those received by the Corps and the food services — maybe even more groundless.

If you don't believe that statement, read on as we follow your bundle of laundry through the numerous processes that bring it back to you cleaned, folded and pressed.

The process starts when you fill out your laundry tag. This is the most important action you make in the cycle. If you make a mistake, it will probably be caught but may slow things down. Then you deposit the bundle at your assigned pick-up station. Now it's out of your hands and into those of Bob Hartsock, manager of the university laundry.

YOUR BUNDLE is then picked up in one of three trips the truck makes from each station to the laundry. There it goes in with 79 other bundles to make up an 80-bundle lot which is the standard lot size the laundry is geared to handle. The lot is then given to the markers.

There are 12 markers, six on each side of a conveyor belt which brings them the bundles. They check the student count on the laundry tags and mark every other piece of laundry, each unmarked piece and those pieces with faded marks. Socks are bundled together and a marking tag is affixed.

When a marker finds an error in the student count she calls her supervisor to verify the error and a change correcting the laundry tag is made. The markers also go through the pockets of shirts and

pants and articles found are tagged and sent to the laundry lost-and-found department. The marker puts each piece back on the conveyor and it is carried to the classifiers. The markers handle 300-350 pieces an hour.

ONE CLASSIFIER takes out all drip-dry articles so that they will receive the special treatment they require. Two other classifiers break the remaining laundry into several categories, each requiring different washing procedures. Colored sport shirts make up one category. They are washed in water set at 90-100 degrees so that the colors will not fade. White shirts are broken into two categories, those to be starched and those requiring no starch. Khaki and blue jeans, towels and underwear and linens make up the other categories.

After being classified the laundry is moved to the washers in large bins. Washing time is 35-40 minutes. After washing it is put in an extractor to be spun dried. This gets the clothes about as dry as your mother's washer does on its spin cycle. From here the categories are again taken to different stations. Khaki and blue jeans go to the tumblers where they are pre-dried for pressing.

SHIRTS GO to the shirt finishing unit, linens go to the flat work ironer and socks, underwear and towels go to the tumblers to be completely dried. Drip-dry articles are treated one of two ways. They are either completely dried in the tumbler or they are air dried if they require this special treatment.

Khakis and jeans go on to the two pants units where one of the two operators finishes them. Each operator finishes 22-25 pants per hour.

Shirts go to one of five two-operator shirt units to be finished. A hundred to 115 shirts can be processed through these five

units in an hour. They are then inspected for broken buttons, poor pressing or tears. These defects are repaired free of charge, buttons are replaced, tears are mended with mending tape and poor pressing is redone. The laundry tries its best to return clothing to the student that is ready to wear. All top buttons are buttoned and the shirt is then sent to the folding table.

AFTER BEING folded all the laundry is sent to the bundling tables. Here girls sort it out into bundles according to laundry marks, have each bundle checked by a supervisor and then wrap each bundle for return to the pick-up stations. The tag which has gone through the front office to be recorded is attached to the return bundle when it is wrapped.

This tag bears the amount of charge on the laundry, if any, and some other important information. On it is marked any damaged or lost articles for which the laundry is responsible.

NOW THAT you have your laundry back, did you know that it took the 119 productive personnel only one and one-half to two hours to process it; that you can request and receive emergency service; that the laundry averages 150,000 pieces of laundry a week; that it is one of the largest if not the largest institutional laundry in the nation; that it is self-sufficient?

And that for your student laundry fee you get 30 pieces of laundry a week not 23 or 25 as most assume; that if you tag a stained garment near the laundry mark 99 percent of all stains can be removed; that your over-charge is less than one-third of a commercial charge for the same articles?

Also that rubber raincoats cannot be laundered and that your contact lenses don't belong in your laundry bag?

Law Enforcement School Scheduled

A general school for law enforcement officers is scheduled Jan. 23-Feb. 17 at Texas A&M University.

Wallace Beasley, coordinator for A&M's Police Training Division, said the course provides

School Scheduled

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Corpus Christi Hometown Club will meet in the MSC at 7:30 p.m. Picture for Aggieiland will be taken.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet in rooms 2A and 2B of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. Free coffee and donuts.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in room 3C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. All members attend. Important.

Fort Bend County Hometown Club will meet in the Burch Room of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

San Angelo-West Texas Home-

town Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 108 of the Academic Building and then move to the MSC to have the Aggieiland picture taken. Corps members wear Class A Winter uniform, civilians wear coat and tie.

FRIDAY

The Political Forum Committee will meet at the noon hour in room 309 of Nagle Hall. Dr. R. O. asst. professor of government will present an informal discussion on "Revolution of U.S. Policy in Vietnam." All interested persons are invited to attend. Sandwiches and cold drinks will be available at a slight charge.

Hays Invited

To Bring Group On British Tour

Dr. John Q. Hays of Texas A&M has been invited by World Crossroads of Learning, Inc., to take a selected group of students to observe London theater next summer.

Students interested in drama will be given a first-hand look at British theater training centers, old and new London stage plays, and meet British actors, teachers and directors.

The July 5-Aug. 10 tour will include visits to Edinburgh, the Lake Country and Shakespeare theater at Stratford, Dr. Hays said.

He was extended the invitation as a follow-up of his year as a Fulbright Professor of American literature at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 1965.

"London is the capitol of English-speaking stage," the A&M English professor of 37 years said. Tour participants will be announced later this school year.

CIVILIAN SENIORS and GRADUATE STUDENTS

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